

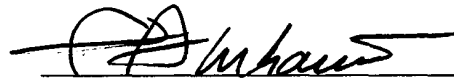
REMARKS

Applicant replaces the claims as filed with new claims drafted in a manner consistent with U.S. practice. Multiple dependencies in the original claims have also been eliminated. Applicant inserts headers into the specification at locations customary in U.S. practice. Applicant amends the abstract to remove reference numerals. No new matter is introduced by the foregoing amendments.

Now pending in this application are claims 25 to 52, of which claims 25 and 37 are independent. No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this preliminary amendment. However, to the extent a fee is due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050 referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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